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SUBJ: ELECTION OF ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL

REF: LONDON 12625 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY. DANISH TRADE UNION FEDERATION SOURCE STATES

NORDIC COUNTRIES WILL SUPPORT BERTIL BOHLIN FOR NEW  
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL LABOR OFFICE.  
END SUMMARY.

1. LABOR ATTACHE DISCUSSED CANDIDATES FOR ILO DIRECTOR  
GENERAL POSITION WITH PEER CARLSEN, INTERNATIONAL  
SECRETARY OF DANISH TRADE UNION FEDERATION (LO). CARSEN  
HAD HEARD ABOUT CANDIDACY OF FRENCH DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
BLANCHARD BUT COMMENTED THAT HE THOUGH EGYPTIAN DEPUTY  
AMMAR WOULD, AS SENIOR ILO DEPUTY DIRECTOR, BE IN  
POSITION TO BLOCK BLANCHARD IF AMMAR HIMSELF ACTIVELY  
SOUGHT ELECTION. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER FACT THAT  
AMMAR WANTED ONLY A ONE OR TWO YEAR TERM,  
BECAUSE AN INTERIM TERM WOULD INEVITABLY OPEN  
THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION OF PROCEDURE IN NOMINATING  
AND ELECTING DIRECTOR GENERALS.

2. CARLSEN STATED THAT THE NORDIC TRADE UNION AND  
EMPLOYER FEDERATIONS AND, HE THOUGHT, THE NORDIC  
GOVERNMENTS ALL FAVOR PRESENT PRACTICE OF ELECTION BY  
THE GOVERNING BODY, AND THEREFORE HOPE DECISION CAN BE MADE AT  
GOVERNING BODY MEETING. DELAY BEYOND FEBRUARY WOULD  
THROW THE DECISION INTO THE CONFERENCE AND A LARGER ROLE  
FOR THE CONFERENCE - AN ADVISE AND CONSENT FUNCTION,  
FOR EXAMPLE - WOULD BE THE PROBABLE OUTCOME.

3. CARLSEN STATED THE SCANDINAVIAN TRADE UNION FEDERATIONS  
AND GOVERNMENTS ARE COMMITTED TO SUPPORT THE CANDIDACY  
OF THE SWEDISH DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL BERTIL BOHLIN,  
BUT THAT THEY HAD ADVISED HIM NOT TO THROW HIS HAT  
INTO THE RING PREMATURELY. BOHLIN IS REPORTEDLY  
SCHEDULED TO CONFER WITH DANISH LO CHAIRMAN THOMAS  
NIELSEN, GENERAL SECRETARY OTTO KERSTEN AND OTHER  
TRADE UNION LEADERS AT ICFTU EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
IN BRUSSELS NOVEMBER 20.

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